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Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 3:37 PM
To: [Jim Flanagan](#)
Subject: Ring Cameras

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From: [Jim Flanagan](#)
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 3:49 PM
To: [Dana Carrel](#)
Subject: RE: Ring Cameras

Sorry, I was talking with John and Mary. I am looking now and it will not let me look at the most recent two.

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Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 10:59 AM
To: [Clay Wheeler](#); [Jack McQueen](#)
Subject: Ring media release
Attachments: Ring Media release.docx

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From: [Kyle Demmin](#)
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 11:42 AM
To: [John Fermon](#); [Jack McQueen](#)
Subject: Social Media Assets
Attachments: Social Media Asset Bloomington Police Department.pdf

Hi John,

Please see attached for Social Media Asset

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Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 4:34 PM
To: [Jack McQueen](#)
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BPD will be using the Ring Neighbors app as another avenue to communicate with our community and help solve crimes!

The Neighbors app also allows our community to post crime related text, videos, and/or images onto the app in order to help identify suspects or warn others of issues in our community. Your posts on the Neighbors app do not include your name - so you are anonymous to the public. Also, you do not need to own a Ring device to be a part of the Neighbors app. You can post anything, including videos, even if it is not a Ring camera.

Think of this as an online, anonymous, neighborhood watch!

How to sign up:

Join the Bloomington Police Department on the Neighbors App by visiting download.ring.com/bloomington or text bloomingtonpd to 555888 to download the FREE App today!

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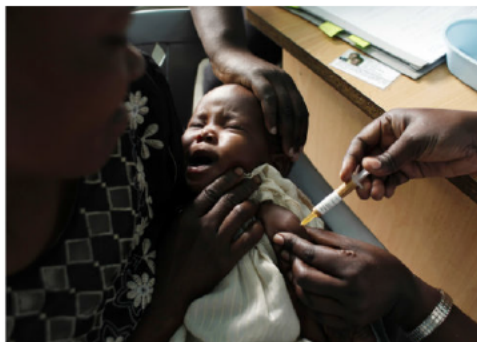
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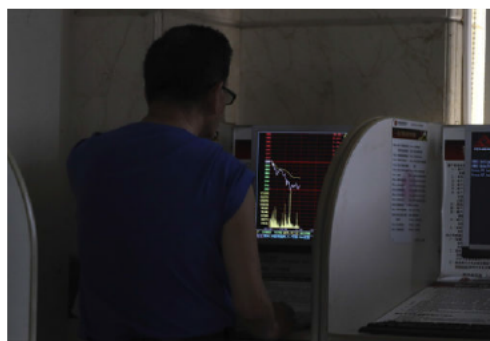
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Wow. That would be be great - a continued message from us about the importance of putting up and sharing cameras.

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Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, I request copies of the following records:

- All documents (including but not limited to emails, memoranda, contracts, or agreements) related to the City's contract with Amazon Ring
- All emails (including any and all attachments) sent to/received from email addresses associated with the [ring.com](#) domain from March 1, 2019 to present
- Any documents (including, but not limited to, emails, memos, guidances, or guidelines) containing any policies or procedures (including, but not limited to, procedures for obtaining video and policies regarding posting on the Neighbors app) regarding either the Neighbors app or RING cameras
- Documents (including, but not limited to, emails or memos) sufficient to show the Partnership Point of Contact, Press/Media Coordinator, Social Media Coordinator, Investigative Coordinator, and Community Relations Coordinator with regards to the RING agreement

The Bloomington Police recently announced a new partnership with Ring:

<https://www.wglt.org/post/bpd-promotes-neighbors-app-crime-alerts-data>.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and not for commercial purposes, in order to shed some light on these contracts with the City (see, e.g., my blog post at <https://sgandlur.com/ring-map>, for more context on investigations into Amazon Ring).

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